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Smokejumper Obituary

Rodgers, Donald Everett (Missoula 1942)

Don, age 86, died March 29, 2009, at Yorba Linda, California. He was born September 2, 1922, in Greybull, Wyoming, and graduated high school there before enrolling at Montana State University in Missoula where he was a forestry major.

Don enlisted in the US Navy as LtJG on October 10, 1942 and served in the Pacific theater until his discharge on February 20, 1946. Don resumed his studies at MSU and graduated in 1948. He worked as a land surveyor and is buried at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

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